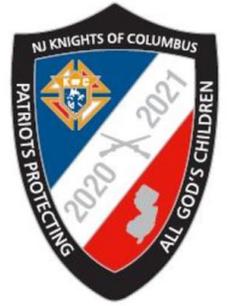




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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT for OUR ARMED SERVICES

WHEREAS Knights of Columbus support for the armed forces dates to the early 20th century, most notably with the establishment of the K of C morale centers supporting the welfare of Allied troops during the First World War, and

WHEREAS the Order operated centers in more than 100 locations throughout Europe serving the physical and spiritual needs of soldiers under the motto, "Everybody Welcome, Everything Free", and

WHEREAS the Order's support for the armed forces continues to the present day, most notably with the distribution of military prayer books, including an English and French version, to U.S. and Canadian troops around the world, and

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus maintains active military councils around the world and has many warzone roundtables in Iraq and Afghanistan, and

WHEREAS our brother Knights, along with thousands of other servicemen and women, are presently deployed in hostile and unstable regions around the world in efforts to combat terrorism, maintain order and promote peace, and

WHEREAS the families of those courageous servicemen and women now deployed are hoping and praying for their safe return, and

WHEREAS many of these men and women have heroically given their lives or sustained serious or debilitating injury while deployed in the service of their country, and

WHEREAS the Knights of Columbus is committed to "serving those who served" through the Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services program, with brother Knights donating more than 90,000 hours of volunteer service at over 135 Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers last year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates of the New Jersey State Council Knights of Columbus, on this 15th day of May 2021, representing the 59,000 New Jersey Knights along with their families, reaffirms its unequivocal gratitude, support, and encouragement for the men and women of the armed forces who defend our liberties and freedoms, and

Patriots Protecting All God's Children

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we will not waver in our commitment to recognize the contributions of every service member on Active Duty, in the National Guard, the Reserves, and all veterans and retired service members, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we prayerfully support and encourage the families of those servicemen and women who are deployed overseas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we would continue to pray for the mission success and the safe return of all military personnel, especially those deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan, and other combat zones throughout the world; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we now pause in our deliberations to pay tribute to those men and women who have suffered serious combat injuries and to pray for the souls of those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives in the service of their country.